

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 16, 2020

The Honorable Steve Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
U.S. Department of Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,


We are writing on behalf of Mesa Corporation, a regional airline with 1,500 employees and its headquarters in Arizona, and 3,500 employees nationwide. Mesa has undertaken substantial efforts over a four-month time period to secure financing under Title IV, Subtitle A of the CARES Act aviation loan program without success thus far. It is critical to Mesa Airlines and its employees that it reach its full loan allocation under this program.

Mesa Airlines is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest airline in the country and plays an important economic role in providing smaller communities with air service. Congress provided flexibility to the Department in implementing the CARES Act aviation loan program. We respectfully request that you review the attached letter from Mesa Corporation CEO, Jonathan Ornstein, and give full and fair consideration to its requests. We appreciate your review of this matter in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Most Sincerely,



Debbie Lesko  
Member of Congress



Andy Biggs  
Member of Congress



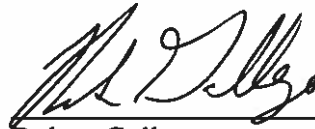
Greg Stanton  
Member of Congress



Tom O'Halleran  
Member of Congress



David Schweikert  
Member of Congress



Ruben Gallego  
Member of Congress



Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress



Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.  
Member of Congress



Ann Kirkpatrick  
Member of Congress



October 16, 2020

The Honorable Steve Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of Treasury  
Washington, DC

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

Mesa has undertaken substantial efforts with the Department over a four-month time period to secure financing under the Title IV, Subtitle A of the CARES Act aviation Loan program. Recently, however, there have been significant guideline changes that run contrary to the "spirit" of the CARES Act's intent, which is to assist airlines and their employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mesa was deemed eligible and allocated \$277 million for a loan under the aviation program. Based on US Treasury's July 15th guidelines, Mesa is eligible to borrow on an unsecured basis, but has been denied this flexibility. Mesa also has sufficient and eligible collateral but has been restricted in utilizing such collateral. In addition, Mesa has requested additional time and flexibility to draw from the CARES loan program, but this request was rejected even as it was provided to up to 10 other carriers.

We are grateful that the Department of Treasury has recently been more engaged with Mesa, however, we are still \$100 million below our allotted amount. Other airlines have secured loans at their full allocation or above from this program, including competitors, which potentially could put Mesa at a significant disadvantage.

The health of the airline industry is one of the top priorities of the CARES Act, and Mesa's continued operation is going to be critical to the recovery in the Southwest. We respectfully request that you use all the tools at your disposal to re-evaluate the Company's loan application to help us reach our full allotment. Our 3,500 employees nationwide will be very grateful.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ornstein  
CEO  
Mesa Airlines